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SUBJECT:NARCOTICS: TURKISH POPPY HARVEST

1. AS YOU HAVE PROBABLY SEEN ON THE WIRELESS FILE, ON JULY 16 THE NEW YORK TIMES CARRIED A STORY BY STEVEN ROBERTS ENTITLED "US WATCHES AS TURKS HARVEST POPPIES". THE BULK OF THE STORY IS DESCRIPTIVE IN GENERALLY ACCURATE TERMS AND CONVEYS TEMPERED OPTIMISM CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TURKISH CONTROLS. HOWEVER, ARTICLE ENDS WITH FOLLOWS: "A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE CRACKDOWN BY TURKEY. THEIR RECORD ON CONTROLLING THE FARMERS HAS NOT BEEN GOOD IN THE PAST. WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE. JUST BECAUSE THEY ARRESTED A FEW FARMERS WHO ARE LICENSED TO GROW THE POPPIES IS NO ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT THERE IS REALLY SERIOUS. BUT IF

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THEY REALLY DO MEAN TO CRACK DOWN, IT WOULD CERTAINLY

LIMIT HEROIN SUPPLIES IN THIS COUNTRY."

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY THE ACTING DEA ADMINISTRATOR
THAT THE REPORTED STATEMENT FROM AN ALLEGED "SPOKESMAN"
IS WITHOUT AUTHORITY AND DOES NOT REFLECT THE VIEWS OF
DEA. YOU MAY SO STATE IF QUERIED BY FOREIGN OFFICIALS

CONCERNING THIS ARTICLE AND SHOULD ADD THAT THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF AND IS IMPRESSED WITH THE
NEW STEPS THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN TO
CONTROL ITS RENEWED PRODUCTION AND IS HOPEFUL THAT
THEY WILL BE ADEQUATE. KISSINGER

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